

Kansas Federal Public Defender

Position: Assistant Federal Public Defender

Location: Wichita, Kansas
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Kansas is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Wichita, Kansas office.

Job Description and Qualifications:

The Assistant Defender must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of the state; 2) licensed to practice in the US District Court for the District of Kansas by the time of entrance on duty; and 3) licensed to practice law in the State of Kansas, or must become licensed at the earliest opportunity after entrance on duty. A minimum of five years criminal legal experience is required.

Applicants must have court experience, with strong writing and advocacy skills; an established capacity or demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense; a reputation for personal and professional integrity; a commitment to the representation of indigent defendants and an ability to work well in a team environment. Experience in habeas and other post-conviction litigation is highly desirable.

The Assistant Federal Defender provides zealous, professional legal representation to clients charged with federal criminal offenses. Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload; preparing pleadings, motions and briefs; reviewing discovery documents, interviewing witnesses, developing litigation strategies, meeting with clients; working with experts; assisting CJA panel attorneys; and appearing on behalf of clients in court. Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Some travel is required.

Salary and Benefits:

Starting salary is commensurate with experience. The position is full-time with federal benefits, including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Applicant must be a US citizen. Salary is payable only by direct deposit. A final offer of employment is subject to funding and a background check.

Application Information:

Qualified persons may apply by emailing a letter of interest, resume, three references, and a recent writing sample in a single .pdf document to KSFPD@fd.org. Open until filled; priority consideration given to applications received by May 15, 2015. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC §3006A to provide representation in federal criminal matters in the federal courts.